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For: ATM SWITCHING EQUIPMENT HAVING A  
SWITCHING NETWORK

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 17, 2006, for which a response is due on August 17, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.